

1 Amendment to the Claims:

2 Claim 1 (currently amended): A skateboard tension strap for temporarily connecting  
3 a skateboard to the body of a user, allowing the user to perform "hands-free" stunts without  
4 having to use his or her hands to hold or control the skateboard, comprising:

5 a waist belt adapted to be worn by the user around his or her waist,

6 tension strap means for resiliently and adjustably connecting said waist belt  
7 directly to said skateboard whereby tension may be maintained between the skateboard and  
8 the waist belt without requiring the user to hold said tension strap means with a hand, so that  
9 both of the user's hands are free for stunts, said tension strap means having a first end  
10 adapted to be anchored to said skateboard and a second end for adjustably connecting said  
11 tension strap means to said waist belt, and

12 connecting means for adjustably connecting said second end of said tension  
13 strap means to said waist belt, thereby allowing said skateboard user to perform hands-free  
14 stunts without having to use his or her hands to hold or control said skateboard.

15 Claim 2 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said second end of said tension  
16 strap means is elongated and adapted to be pulled by said user to increase the tension in said  
17 tension strap means.

18 Claim 3 (original): The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said connecting means for  
19 adjustably connecting said second end of said tension strap means to said waist belt  
20 comprises a plurality of slidable loops and wherein said second end of said tension strap  
21 means is threaded through said plurality of loops.

22 Claim 4 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising anchor means for  
23 removably attaching said first end of said tension strap means to said skateboard.

24 Claim 5 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said tension strap means  
25 includes a sufficiently wide and flat central section on which logos or designs may be  
26 displayed.

1           Claim 6 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said waist belt is sufficiently wide  
2 and flat to allow logos or designs to be applied thereon.

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